

THE MECHANICAL BOY.

A marvel indeed is the diligent bee
That doth the fleet moments employ;
Yet still a phenomenon greater than he
Is the lively Mechanical Boy.

With jackknife and hammer from morn-
ing till night

He fashions each rude little toy,
And no other pleasure gives equal delight
To the lively Mechanical Boy.

When school hours are over he comes
rushing in,

His countenance lighted with joy,
And soon will the kitchen resound with
the din
Of the lively Mechanical Boy.

With bow and with arrow, with pop-gun
and kite,

His parents he will often annoy;
Yet every indulgence is claimed as a
right
By the lively Mechanical Boy.

But urge him to labor, though ever so
slight,

That instant he's stupid and coy;
But when for the cupboard he goes for a
bite,
He's a lively Mechanical Boy.

The sham battle rages with neighboring
boys,

The skirmishers quickly deploy;
Then naught in creation can equal the
noise
Of the lively Mechanical Boy.

Though oft you remind him that ten-
penny nails

Will double-thick pockets destroy,
The birch is the final resort that avails
To convince the Mechanical Boy.

Flashes of Fun.

—People hire lawyers in certain
cases for two reasons. One is for
the settlement of disputes and the
other to dispute settlements.—*New
Orleans Picayune.*

—The difference between a man
and a dog is that they will go into a
saloon together and the dog will
come out perfectly sober.—*Merchant
Traveler.*

—“What kind of a dog is that,
my little man?”
“He's part tarrier.”
“And what's the other part?”
“Oh, just dog.”—*Columbus Specta-
tor.*

—When a Maine man was shot at
the other day the bullet was turned
aside, not by a pocket Bible, but by
a plug of tobacco. Consequently
there is no moral to the case.—*Buf-
falo Express.*

—“There are two things which I
will positively not eat for supper,”
said Gubbins. “And what are they?”
asked his friend. “Breakfast and
dinner,” was the reply.—*Danville
Breeze.*

—A western man claims that he
can raise cyclones at will. So can
almost any man, by simply inform-
ing his wife that she will have to
get along with one bonnet a year.—*Burlington Free Press.*

“Yes, sir,” yelled the socialistic
agitator, “I am the workingman's
friend.” “Oh, go 'long,” said a real
workingman, “you haven't done an
honest day's work in two years.”
“Of course, I haven't. That's just
where I show my friendship for the
workingman. I keep my hands off
so he can have the job.”

—The story is told of Mr. Evarts
that he once sent a donkey up to
his farm at Windsor, Vermont, and
about a week after received the fol-
lowing letter from his little grand-
child:

“Dear Grandpa:—The little don-
key is very gentle, but he makes a
big noise at nights. He is very lone-
some. I guess he misses you. I hope
you will come up soon, and then he
won't be so lonesome. MINNIE.”

—Bill Simpson is an engineer on
the I. and G. N. railroad. He was
off duty at Austin a few days ago.
He met Judge Peterby, with whom
he was acquainted. “I say Judge,
I wish you would do me a favor.”
“I'll do it.” “It will be appreciated
by all the engineers on the I. and G.
N. railroad.” “What can I do for
you all?” “Please don't hang around
the depot when the trains are com-
ing in. They are everlastingly mis-
taking your red nose for a danger
signal, and it confuses them.”

TRIFLING WITH THE COURT.

“You were arrested at midnight
working on the safe of the bank with
a sledge-hammer, and yet you pro-
test that you are innocent,” said
Judge Noonan to a burglar who had
just been convicted by a San An-
tonio jury.

“I am an innocent man, may it
please your honor.”

“It would please me very much
to think that you were innocent.
What was your object in trying to
open the safe?” said Judge Noonan
blandly.

“I only wanted to open the safe
so as to get change for a five-dollar
bill.”

“But you didn't have any five
dollar bill.”

“I know, that, judge, but I ex-
pected to find one as soon as I got
the safe open.”

“Mr. Sheriff, take this man away.
He is trifling with this court. He
hasn't got any more sense than some
of the younger members of the bar.
Take him away and lock him up.”—
Texas Siftings.

A GREAT LOSS.

“Sandy, they tell me that your
wife is dead.”

“Yas, sah, de good pusson is dun
gone.”

“You have sustained a great loss.”

“Powerful.”

“A loss, doubtless, that can never
be repaired.”

“Feerd not, sah; but I'se looked
all ober de house an' yard.”

“Looked! For what, Sandy?”

“Fur de dol'ar an' er quarter dat
de good lady hid jis erfore she died.
Yas, sah, er gre't loss, an' I'se need-
in' er pa'r o' shoes dis minit.”

THREE-FOURTHS.

“So, Calvin, this man is your half
brother?”

“No, sah; not half, but three-
fourths.”

“Three-fourths!”

“Dat's whut I said.”

“Why, how do you make that?”

“Easy 'nuff sah. Dis man's mud-
er an' my muder wuz de same 'oman.”

“Well.”

“Dat's two-fourths, ain't it?”

“Yes.”

“Wall, his foder and my foder
wuz bruders. Dat makes deuder
fouf. Neber seed de like; kain'
I'arn dese white folks' rithmetic, no-
how.”

VALUE OF SILENCE.

Don't talk too much. Learn how
to be silent. There is nothing like
the man or woman who can keep
the mouth shut. Not that people
should always keep the tongue still;
it is made for use, but there are
times when silence is the best and
most effective reply. When a boor
speaks roughly or uncivilly to you,
when you are asked an impertinent
question, when a sneer is conveyed
under cover of an inquiry for infor-
mation, or when, having appealed to
you on a question of taste, your opin-
ion is met with ridicule, the best an-
swer in these or like exigencies is
masterful silence bespeaking reserve
power, conscious strength, dignity,
self-command; and nothing at times
is so effective as the silence which
springs from contempt. He who can
endure reproach silently, to keep sil-
ent under trying circumstances, is a
man of no common character.

FORCE IN PLANT GROWTH.

The force exerted by growing
plants can be easily measured. Dar-
win took a spring clothes-pin, meas-
ured the force necessary to open it,
and then fastened it upon the grow-
ing root. He found that the pres-
sure was of many ounces. President
Clarke of Amherst Agricultural col-
lege made some interesting experi-
ments with a growing squash, which
was harnessed and had levers at-
tached in such a way that the force
exerted could be ascertained. It
was equal to thousands of pounds,
and finally the harness broke. In a
graveyard, at Hanover, Germany, a
block of stone containing twenty
cubic feet has been thrown out of
place by a tree growing from a seed
which germinated in the crevice of
the rock. It has already been lifted
over five inches.

—“My pa,” said one small boy,
“is a preacher, and is sure to go to
heaven.” “Huh!” said the other
small boy, “that ain't nothin'. My
pa is a doctor, and can kill your old
pa.”—*New York Sun.*

CURATIVE POWER OF WATER.

There is no remedy for such gen-
eral application and none so easily
obtainable as water, and yet nine
persons in ten will pass it by in an
emergency to seek for something of
less efficacy. There are but few
cases of illness where water should
not be given the highest place as a
remedial agent.

A strip of flannel or a napkin
folded lengthwise and wrung out of
hot water and applied around the
neck of a child that has the croup
will usually bring relief in ten min-
utes. A towel folded several times
and quickly wrung out of hot water
and applied over the seat of pain in
toothache or neuralgia will generally
afford prompt relief. This treatment
in colic works like magic.

We have known cases that have
resisted treatment for hours yield to
this in ten minutes. There is nothing
that will so promptly cut short a
congestion of the lungs, sore throat
or rheumatism as hot water when
applied promptly and thoroughly.
Pieces of cotton batting dipped in
hot water and kept applied to old
sores and new cuts, bruises and
sprains is the treatment now adopt-
ed in hospitals.

A sprained ankle has been cured
in an hour by showering it with hot
water poured from a height of three
feet. Tepid water acts as promptly
as an emetic, and hot water taken
freely half an hour before bedtime is
the best of cathartics in the case of
constipation, while it has a most
soothing effect on the stomach and
bowels. This treatment continued
for a few months, with proper at-
tention to diet, will alleviate any case
of dyspepsia.—*Exr.*

LEMONS FOR MALARIA.

The newest remedy for malaria is
advertised in the drug stores as the
Roman cure. It is described as the
discovery of a physician in the mi-
asmatic old city of the Caesars and
the pontiffs, where malaria is includ-
ed with every lodging without extra
charge in the bill. It consists simp-
ly of lemons cut up, peel and all, and
boiled, the juice being taken cold on
an empty stomach. The pharmacists
claim that it has cured cases so stub-
born that quinine had no more ef-
fect on them than sugar and salt.
The method of preparation is so sim-
ple that anyone can make an experi-
ment who chooses.

The lemon must be cut up in small
pieces, rind and pulp, each good-
sized lemon being allowed a pint of
water. When the water has boiled
down to half a pint the medicine is
done. It must then be strained
through a cloth and put by to cool.
It is sour enough to give a marble
bust a wry face. The dose is from
a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful, ac-
cording to the staying powers of the
patient's stomach, taken an hour be-
fore meals.

Like the hot water cure, wonder-
ful stories are commencing to float
around about the lemon cure, and it
bids fair to become very popular. A
physician who is a member of and
has many patients in the New York
Athletic Club, informed the *News*
reporter that he had been giving
concentrated lemon in malaria cases
for nearly a year, and now scarcely
ever uses quinine. The remedy does
all the work of quinine without af-
fecting the nerves or the head as
quinine certainly does.—*New York
News.*

REFORM IN ARKANSAS.

Nathaniel could not have been
more greatly surprised that any good
thing should come out of Nazareth
than the average American would be
to learn that any forward step in
human progress had originated in
Arkansas; yet the great and wise
States of the North and East might
well adopt some features of the
liquor legislation of that supposed-
to-be benighted region, until they
are ready to do still better. From a
recent report issued under authority
of the Governor, it appears that
it is the duty of the county judge to
enter an order prohibiting the traffic
in intoxicating liquors within a pre-
scribed territory, whenever a ma-
jority of the adult inhabitants of
that territory have signed a petition
asking for such prohibition, and that
the names of women stand equal to
those of men on these petitions. Un-
der this law it is stated that there is
not a single dram-shop in many of
the most populous counties of the
State, the penalty for violation be-
ing so severe that but few attempt
it.—*Farm and Fireside.*

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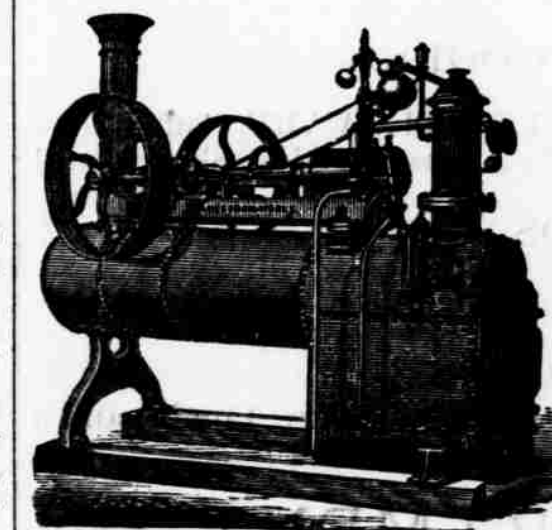
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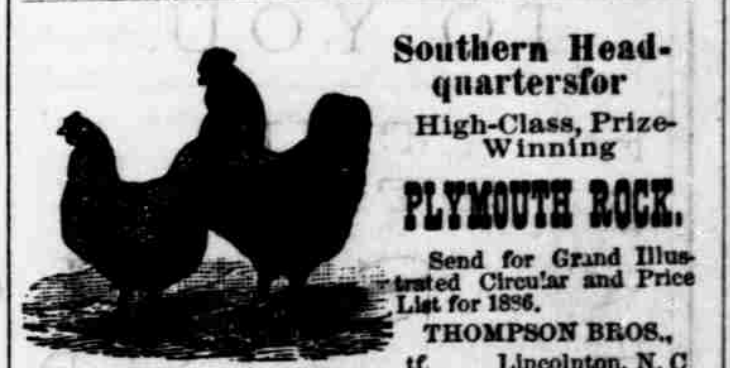
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